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Honor Team

The All-South Carolina basketball team as selected by the Associated Press is announced today on Page 3-B. Another feature is Bob Quincy's column about the off-season activities of grid coaches.

THE GALLUP POLL

Voters Pick Taft As Cleanup Man

By GEORGE GALLUP
Director, American Institute of Public Opinion

PRINCETON, N. J.—Republican voters throughout the country are inclined to think that Sen. Robert A. Taft, if elected President, would do a better job at cleaning out corruption in the government than Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower would as President.

But Democrats and Independents take the opposite view and say that General 'Ike' would more completely restore integrity in government.

These attitudes were brought to light when interviewers for the Institute personally talked with a cross-section of voters in big cities, small towns and farms throughout the United States.

In today's survey, one of a series, interviewers put this question to the voters:

"Sen. Robert A. Taft and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower are two of the candidates for the Republican Presidential nomination. Which one do you think would do a better job cleaning out corruption in government?"

Here is the national vote:

Eisenhower	45%
Taft	34
Don't know	21
	100%

While no one really knows which man would do the better job of cleaning up Washington, the impressions formed by the public in that regard may have a lot to do with its support of one man or the other.

Corruption is certain to be among the major campaign issues this year—in fact, Republican County chairmen polled recently by the Institute regard it as the most effective argument the GOP can use against the Democrats.

PARTISAN ATTITUDES

The sharply different attitude taken by Republicans can be seen in the following comparisons:

REPUBLICANS

Taft better	49%
Eisenhower better	36
Don't know	15
	100%

INDEPENDENTS

Eisenhower better	43%
Taft better	29
Don't know	28
	100%

DEMOCRATS

Eisenhower better	56%
Taft better	19
Don't know	25
	100%

Parkway Name Change Opposed

ASHEVILLE (AP) — Opposition mounted today to a proposal to rename the Blue Ridge Parkway in honor of Rep. Robert L. Doughton, (D-NC).

The House yesterday in Washington approved a resolution changing the name as a memorial to Doughton, who is retiring at the end of his present term after serving in Congress for 42 years.

Virginia and Tar Heel chambers of commerce led the fight.

Julian B. Sapp, president of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, said his board of directors was opposed to the change.

Other chambers and associations followed suit. Ben F. Moomaw Sr., secretary of the Roanoke, Va., Chamber of Commerce and president of the Blue Ridge Parkway Associated Chambers of Commerce, said that "generally" members were opposed to the measure.

He said he would protest the move at a luncheon meeting of the Virginia Congressional delegation in Washington today.

Said Moomaw:

"The Blue Ridge Mountains comprise a historic range known to Americans through history and geography. . .Men come and go. . . I have the greatest admiration and appreciation for Rep. Doughton but it does not carry that the Parkway should lose its identity with the region it traverses. . ."

The mountain-top scenic highway links the Great Smoky Mountain National Park and Asheville with the Shenandoah National Park and Roanoke, Va.

Meanwhile at Raleigh, State Highway Commission Chairman Henry W. Jordan said he understood Doughton himself was opposed to changing the parkway's name.

"I think he is sincere in his objections, and for that reason would be inclined to go along with him," said Jordan.

Jordan said the parkway has received much publicity under its present name and it would be difficult to get the public to accept another name.

OUR WEATHER

Increasing cloudiness today and tonight followed by cloudy weather with rain late tonight or tomorrow. Little change in temperatures except warmer tonight. Expected high today 62 degrees. Low tonight 42 degrees.

Highest yesterday 60 degrees. Lowest this morning 31 degrees.

Sunrise, 7:0. A. M.; sunset, 6:12 P. M.

More Weather Data on Page 7-A

FIG TREES AND CROWS

Perhaps you've heard the story of how a friendly Indian taught the Pilgrims to plant corn when the white oak leaves were the size of a squirrel's ear. Did you know that the Ancient Greeks had similar guideposts to the seasons? Some 27 centuries ago the philosopher Hesiod was advising his countrymen that the winter storms were over, and it was safe to go to sea, as soon as the topmost leaves of the fig tree were the size of a crow's footprint; and that it was time to plow "when thou hearest the voice of the crane from the high clouds."

NEGOTIATORS REJECT TRUCE COMPROMISE

Each Side Says 'No' To Troop Rotation Proposal Of Other

By WILLIAM JORDEN

MUNSAN, Korea (AP)—Allied and Communist truce negotiators offered each other compromise package deals on troop rotation and ports of entry today.

Each side said "No!"

But their differences were narrowed to only one port of entry and 5,000 men in the monthly rotation ceiling. Originally the difference was nine ports of entry and 70,000 men.

Once again the U.N. rejected the Reds' nomination of Soviet Russia as a member of the neutral inspection commission.

Repercussions of the Communist-led riot which left 69 Koreans dead and 142 wounded in an Allied compound for civilian prisoners were expected in the truce talks on prisoner exchange.

Observers said Red delegates probably would try to use the Koje Island incident as a lever to get

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Freedoms Foundation Makes Award

Americans Honored For Public Service

VALLEY FORGE, Pa. — (AP) — Freedoms Foundation today observed the 220th anniversary of the birth of George Washington, by awarding eleven top prizes of $1,500 each for outstanding contributions to the American way of life in 1951.

Additionally, the foundation awarded cash to 247 other persons and institutions—including 32 high school publications—in its third annual Freedoms Award.

A total of $100,000 was distributed, while an additional $50 honor medals were awarded to American individuals, institutions and businesses.

The foundation, chartered in 1949 describes itself as "a non-profit, non-political, non-sectarian awards organization" honoring Americans "who make outstanding contributions to a better understanding of freedom." It is financed by public subscription and support.

Dr. Robert A. Millikan, distinguished University of California physicist, is presenting the top awards in a convocation address here today. Other top winners:

Editorials — George Magenheimer, associated editor of the Peoria, Ill., journal for an editorial entitled "The Best in the World."

Unpublished essays — Henry L. Slater, Mount, Ore., for a piece called "My Country."

Magazine articles — Editors of Fortune Magazine, New York, for a layout entitled "USA, The Permanent Revolution."

Photographs with captions—David Arthur Pilon, Inglewood, Calif., for his "Blueprint For Freedom."

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of Commerce, American Freedom Week program, and Weirton (W. Va.) Chamber of Commerce, for Americanism Week program.

The University of Denver won the $1,500 prize in the college campus division for sponsorship of a five-week public affairs institute.

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News Editorial Writer Given Freedoms Award

Two Charlotteans were among ovre 600 recipients to receive special Freedom Awards today.

They are Washington's birthday celebration is sponsored by Freedoms Foundation as recognition for outstanding contributions to freedom during 1951.

Local award winners were Vic Reinemer, associate editor of The Charlotte News; and Vernon W. Patterson, 327 N. Tryon St.

Both received honor medal awards for outstanding achievements in writing.

Mr. Reinemer's award was made for a series of six articles explaining the Hoover Reports, entitled "Savings $$"; while Mr. Patterson's award was given for an unpublished essay, "the Founders of Freedom".

The Reinemer articles appeared in The Charlotte News from Sept. 10, 1951, through Sept. 15, 1951.

A Montana native, Mr. Reinemer joined the staff of The News on July 12, 1951. His appointment to the position of associate editor was announced on Friday, Oct. 19, 1951.

The young writer is a graduate of Montana State University, a former Air Force pilot, and a former editorial assistant on the staff of "Freedom and Union" magazine.

MR. REINEMER

Other North Carolina residents to receive awards were:

Ralph Mills, Jr., Greensboro photographer; Paul Green, Chapel Hill playwright; Gordon Tomlinson, Mocksville editor; and Max Thurpe Statesville photographer.

13 Seamen Reach Port With Stern

NEWPORT, R. I. (AP)—Thirteen merchant sailors who elected to ride out a storm—Kurt Carlsen fashion—arrived today on the end of a tow line aboard the stern section of the tanker Fort Mercer:

They scoffed at the superstition sometimes attached to their number.

The tanker broke in half Monday off Cape Cod, Mass., in the Winter's worst storm.

Some of the crew of 43 drifted away on the bow section before the gale.

Thirty-four were on the stern. Twenty-one were rescued. Five were lost and the others saved were taken from the bow.

EVENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for all the blessings that enrich our days; for Thy watchful care that shields us from evil; for strength with which to perform our daily duties. Help us to respond to Thy love and compassion with a life dedicated to Thee. Enable us to grow daily in the Christian way of life. In Christ's name. Amen.

Atlantic Pact Nations Back European Army

Air Bases Investigated

Speed-Up Blamed For Waste Reports

By EDWIN B. HAAKINSON

WASHINGTON (AP)—An Air Force official told senators today that the Joint Chiefs of Staff ordered rush construction of air bases in North Africa soon after the Communist attack in North Korea.

Assistant Secretary of the Air Force Edwin V. Huggins offered this explanation for the hurried aspects of the construction in testimony to the Senate Preparedness Investigating subcommittee. The senators are digging into reports of waste and extravagance on the multi-million dollar casts of overseas airbases.

"This was an urgent job," Huggins said.

"The emergency was part of a decision by the Joint Chiefs of Staff."

FEARED RED DRIVE

Huggins indicated, but did not say directly, that top Pentagon leaders were apprehensive of a Communist drive in Europe or Africa after the Korean invasion in June, 1950.

The senators had developed earlier in the hearings that the Air Force asked speedy completion of five air bases in French Morocco (North Africa) within six months at an estimated cost of more than 300 million dollars.

Sen. Hunt (D-Wyo), acting chairman, noted that the original schedule called for equipment to move to the airbase sites by January of last year and for the bases to be completed by July.

START DELAYED

Instead, Hunt said, delays in negotiations with the French on the sites stalled the start of the program until October 1 a. m.

Hunt asked if the 'Air Force was negligent" in insisting upon completion by July 1 despite the delayed start.

Downey Price, committee attorney, noted that Pentagon reports on the job cited "delays, false starts, confusion and congestion."

Construction was under supervision of the Army Corps of Engineers, but private contractors were hired to do the work.

Rice said 'engineering standards and specifications were flagrantly ignored." He asked Huggins if the Air Force agreed to this.

"You can't do an emergency program without spending more money than one that is not urgent," Huggins replied.

Huggins went on to say there was no attempt to complete the entire 300-million-dollar project between April and July. He said only minimum facilities for moving in airplanes and crews were sought as urgent.

Lt. Gen. Lewis A. Pick, chief of Army Engineers who defended the airbase program yesterday, sat nearby as Huggins testified.

Allies Repulse Attack On Isle

SEOUL, Korea (AP)—South Korean Marines beat off a Communist amphibious invasion of an Allied-held island off the northeast coast of Korea in a 33-hour battle, the Allies announced today.

The Korean Army said its Marines sank 13 of the 20 invasion boats.

Seventy invaders were reported killed and six captured. Prisoners included the commander of the amphibious attack.

Nine South Korean Marines were killed and six wounded, the Navy said.

The assault was made by a Red battalion—about 800 or 1,000 men. It was not indicated whether they were Chinese or North Koreans.

The battle began about 1 a. m. Wednesday and lasted until 10 a.m. Thursday when the last of the attackers fled back to the Red mainland in their remaining boats.

The assault was directed against Yang Island, about 16 air miles from the Communist east coast port of Songjin.

Planes from the U. S. carrier Essex swept into the Songjin area Thursday smashing every Red boat in sight. The Navy said American airmen sank one Red supply boat and 25 sampans. Another 25 sampans were damaged.

On the opposite coast the heavy cruiser Rochester plowed through ice strewn waters of the Yellow Sea and bombarded a communications center between Pyongyang, the Red Korean capital, and its port city, Chinnampo. Her eight inch guns blew up 12 buildings and set off two explosions in Red supply dumps.

The battleship Wisconsin turned her 16-inch guns on the eastern end of the snow-swept 155 mile battleline.

The U. S. Eighth Army reported no fighting Friday except brief clashes between small groups.

Hoover Group Hopeful Of Positive Action

By VIC REINEMER
Associate Editor, The News

WASHINGTON — There are a number of bills gathering dust in Congressional committees which, if passed, would decrease red tape and expenditures in the Federal Government. Most of them will continue to gather dust, but a few will probably be law by the time Congress completely subordinates its legislative operations to politics at the July nominating conventions.

The Citizens Committee for the Hoover Report, which is pushing for passage of these reform measures, is concentrating on six fields of Government activity. They want to see two Cabinet departments — Post Office and Agriculture, and the Veterans Administration, reorganized. And they seek substantial changes in the administration of Federal personnel, medical and natural resource policies.

The outlook for partial achievement of these goals appears good as regards the latter three. Some minor changes might be made in the Agriculture Dept. It is extremely improbable that the VA and Post Office bills will go through even in watered-down form.

Of course there's always the chance that obdurate committee chairmen will get a flood of indignant letters. Or that powerful opposing lobbyists expire. But governmental reorganization is a rather dreary subject fo most letter writers, and, nothing short of atomic attack would noticeably diminish the ranks of the more efficient lobbiest which use the platoon system.

Here's how the prospects for "Big Six" legislation shape up. First, natural resources.

One bill in this category would transfer to the Department of the Interior the flood control and river and harbor activities of the Army Corps of Engineers. Most Congressmen don't care to take these "pork barrel" projects away from the Corps of Engineers, which is shamelessly intimate with Congress. The solidity of this wedlock is illustrated by the fact that the chairman of the Senate committee sitting on the bill, McClellan of Arkansas, is also president of the National Rivers & Harbors Congress, chief lobby

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BELK'S FOUNDER DIES

Mr. Belk

W. H. Belk Rites To Be Held Sunday

William Henry Belk, founder and long-time head of one of the nation's largest groups of department stores, died here yesterday afternoon at the age of 89.

Mr. Belk was president of Belk Bros Co., a widely known Presbyterian layman and generous benefactor to churches, schools and hospitals.

Death followed a heart attack which he had suffered suddenly yesterday afternoon. He was rushed to a local hospital, where he died about 3:30 P. M.

Until then he had led a fairly active life despite his advanced years.

Funeral services for Mr. Belk will be held at the residence, 220 Hawthorne Lane, at 3 P. M. Sunday.

The Rev. Charles G. McClure, pastor of Caldwell Memorial Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. Belk was a member, will officiate and burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery.

Active pallbearers will be John B. Ivey of Winston-Salem, John C. Daughtridge of Albemarle, D. Franklin Cannon of Raleigh, James P. Mattox of Salisbury, Fred L. Blackmon of Anniston, Ala., W. H. B. Simpson of Greenville, S. C., James K. Glenn of Winston-Salem, A. F. Stevens of Winston-Salem, A. J. Cummings of Miami Beach, Fla., and G. B. McClellan of Monroe.

Honorary pallbearers will be James G. Gallant of LaGrange, Ga. E. O. Hudson of Orangeburg, S.C., G. W. Dowdy of Charlotte, J. G. Hudson Sr., of Spartanburg, N.N. Scott of Columbia, A. L. Tyler of Rocky Mount, W. E. Gallant of Anderson, S. C., R. W. Cline of Concord, R. D. McCraw of New York, F. B. Leggett of Danville, Va., L.W.W. Horton of Durham, B. F. Matthews of Charlotte, P. P. Scarboro of Wadesboro, K. W. Broome of Hickory, Michael Hudson of Anniston, Ala., K. G. Hudson Sr. of Raleigh, E. C. Lindsey of Ocala, Fla., J. W. Hensdale of Fayetteville, H. G. Leggett of Lynchburg, Va., and [illegible] of South Boston, Va.

It was uncertain early this afternoon whether his son, Capt. John Belk, who is stationed in Japan, will be able to get home in time for the funeral.

Mr. Belk is survived by Mrs. Belk, the former Miss Mary Irwin of Charlotte; six children, W. H. Belk Jr., Miss Sarah Belk, John C. Belk, Irwin Belk, Henderson Belk and Tom Belk, all of Charlotte; and four grandchildren, W. H. Belk III, Irene Belk, Tommy Belk and Mary Henry Belk.

The body will lie in state at Harry & Bryant Chapel in The Oaks from noon today until 4 P. M. tomorrow, when it will be taken to the residence to remain until the hour of the service.

The Belk stores in Charlotte and Monroe and the Belk Buying Service in Charlotte will be closed today and tomorrow and all Belk stores will be closed all day tomorrow.

Born on June 2, 1862, near the old Waxhaw Presbyterian Church about twelve miles from Lancaster, S. C., William Henry Belk was the son of Abel Nelson Belk and Sarah N. Walkup Belk.

His father was killed in 1865 by a band of Sherman's raiders who mistook Abel Nelson for his father, Tom Belk.

In an effort to force from him the whereabouts of his father's hidden gold, which had been described to the Northerners by a Southern man seeking to save his own life, Sherman's men drowned Henry Belk's father.

Young Henry and his two brothers, John and Thomas Milburn, were all under six years of age at the time. Through the years that followed they received most of their education from little country schools in that section and from their mother who took time from managing their farm to tutor her sons and the Negroes, who, now freed, were her employees.

In 1866, Sarah Walkup Belk mar-

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Leaders Of Community Pay Tribute To Mr. Belk

Tribute to the life and works of William Henry Belk, pioneer Charlotte merchant who died yesterday at the age of 89, were paid today by a number of community leaders.

A memorial service was held this morning at Queens College in the Belk Chapel, given in honor of Mr. Belk and his brother, the late Dr. John Belk.

Students, faculty and friends of the Belk family attended the services.

Miss Cornelia Dick of Memphis, Tenn., sang Sergei's "My God and I". Dr. Charlton C. Jernigan, Queens president, read the Scripture, and Dr. H. V. Carson, chairman of the division of religion and philosophy, offered the prayer and gave the benediction.

Miss Janet Fifer of Covington, Va., presided at the service.

David Ovens, vice-president of J. B. Ivey & Co., said:

"Mr. Belk was a rare man in American life to show the courage that he had, to do things in a simple way, to make a decision, to operate his business the way people liked, so that the people had confidence in him.

"There were these two important things about the man — his

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Defense Force Will Include West Germans

Historic Action Taken At Lisbon

LISBON (AP)—The 14 Atlantic Allies formally endorsed today the creation of a European defense army including German soldiers. The vote was unanimous in a historic full dress North Atlantic Council meeting.

By this action the Council voted to bring an indefinite number of divisions from the West German Republic into a six-nation army of two million men for defense of Western Europe against possible Communist aggression.

Now the six nations — France, Germany, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg — can move swiftly toward signature of a treaty paving the way for the army.

Ratification by the parliament of each nation must take place before the recruiting of Germans into the army can begin.

There are still political hurdles to overcome but the NATO endorsement represents a major U. S. diplomatic victory and a triumph for Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, one of the strongest backers of a European army.

This development came on the heels of agreement by the United States to give France an additional two million dollars in aid to help fulfill her rearmament program. The U. S. hopes by this to help the Paris government overcome the opposition of the French against [illegible] in the European army, but with qualifications that may delay the actual recruiting of German soldiers.

An authoritative source disclosed the decision to give aid to the French just before the Council met to take its action on the European army. He emphasized the 570 million dollar figure is not final but is tentatively agreed upon.

France, in turn, will raise an additional sum estimated at 100 billion francs to close the gap between what her rearmament plans will cost and what her inflation-stricken economy can afford.

A spokesman said most of the new U. S. assistance will be in the form of procurement contracts outside the United States, arms, contributions to the Infrastructure (supporting network of air bases and communications) and similar measures.

NOT DIRECT AID

It will not be in the form of direct dollar aid because that would require special congressional authorization.

French Premier Edgar Faure put in the request for additional aid in a conference with U. S. Secretary of the Treasury John W. Snyder yesterday.

U. S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson called in his senior advisors this morning to discuss the French request.

Faure told Snyder that if France met the arms targets set for her by W. Averell Harriman's Economic Committee, she must spend 1,450 billion francs ($4,100,000,000). He felt the French could raise only 1,190 billion francs ($3,400,000,000).

Informed sources said France must dig in and find another 200 billion francs to close the gap caused by the rising prices in her economy.

French sources said inflation has cost the proposed European army the equivalent of four divisions. Originally the French pledged 14 divisions to the one-uniform sixnation force.

Comic Dictionary

ETIQUETTE

Knowing which fingers to put in your mouth when you whistle for the waiter.

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